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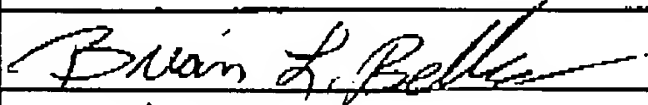
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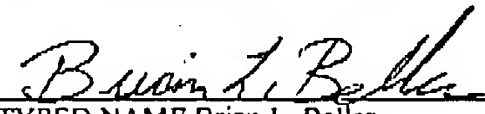
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Inclusion of the information submitted herewith is not to be construed as an admission that the information is material as that term is defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

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